

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of February 26, 2008 is respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 3 and 4 are currently pending in the application. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kawamura et al. (JP 2003-183650). However, as indicated above, claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-2 is rendered moot.

On pages 4-5 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 3 and 4 are allowed. As claims 3 and 4 are the only claims remaining in the present application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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